

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indication that claims 9-20 are allowed, and that claims 1-8 contain allowable subject matter.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have amended claim 1, and added new claims 21-29 to further define the invention. Accordingly, claims 1-29 are presently pending.

All Claims Comply With 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, recitation of “a storage hole” by claim 1 is considered “confusing since it is not clear what layer encompasses the hole.” Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite, in part, “a storage contact hole through a portion of the semiconductor layer...” Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 1, and hence dependent claims 2-8, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 21-29 to further define the invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that new claims 21-29 are allowable for at least the reasons that claims 1-20 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such as an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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